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Adaptive management is an essential program concept. No long-term plan for management of a system as complex as the Bay-Delta can predict exactly how the system will respond to Program actions. It is necessary to monitor the system continuously and adapt actions that are taken to restore ecological health and improve water management. The Program's objectives will remain fixed over time, but actions can and should be adjusted to assure that the solution is durable.

The CALFED Program is a cooperative state and federal effort. In addition to the CALFED agencies, representatives of agriculture, urban areas, environment, fishing, business, and rural counties have contributed to the process. The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC), a federally chartered citizens' advisory committee with over 30 members, provided formal comment and advice to the agencies during regularly scheduled public meetings. The BDAC provided recommendations on the CALFED solution that helped frame the issues addressed in the Record of Decision (ROD).

The CALFED Program will be implemented in stages over the next 30 years or more. Initially, the focus of implementation will be on the first seven years – referred to as Stage 1 – of implementation. Actions in the CALFED Program are organized into program elements: Ecosystem Restoration, Watersheds, Water Management, Storage, Conveyance, Water Use Efficiency, Drinking Water Quality, Water Transfers, Levee System Integrity, and Science.